

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method and system for processing data records having multiple formats is provided, in which each format to be parsed has a plug-in module associated with it. Each plug-in module has a uniform interface that can be accessed by, for example, a parsing engine or other client. The parsing engine may, in turn, provide services for manipulating data to the plug-in modules in order to assist them in performing their respective tasks. A standard format is provided to allow data from the records to be stored in a database.

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